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SUBJECT 1. Jamming Stations in Prague
2. Reception of Foreign Broadcasts

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1. There was an old military broadcasting station located in a villa on Manes Street in Prague-Bubenec Annex A, Point 17. There were two broadcast towers of simple iron construction about 23 m. high on the grounds surrounding the villa. A few soldiers were always stationed there. I do not know when this broadcast station was built but it was in operation in 1945. In the early summer of 1952 the army occupied a neighboring villa Annex A, Point 27 as well as the ground surrounding this villa between Manes Street and the Prague-Kladno railroad station. Four or five new iron broadcast towers about 20 m. high were erected on the site. I heard from the people living in the area that this new broadcasting station was a jamming station. In fact, as soon as the new broadcast towers were erected, listening to RFE as well as to VOA broadcasts was rendered impossible by heavy interference. This same interference was experienced by the people living on Pelle Street Annex A, Point 37, on Na Magistrale Street, Annex A, Point 47, as well as on Ovinecka Street Annex A, Point 57. For the exact location of these two stations, see enlargement, Annex A, Points 1 and 2.
2. In the early summer of 1952, a brick building, about 10 x 10 m., as well as about three broadcasting towers, each about 20 m. high, were erected on the western side of the Strahov Stadium. See Annex B, Point 1. People told me that this was a jamming station, because as soon as this construction was built, listening to RFE and VOA broadcasts was rendered impossible by heavy interference. This interference was experienced by the people living on Belohorska Street, near the Brevnov Monastery streetcar station. See Annex B, Point 2.

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3. A jamming station was erected in the Prague-Vrsovice brewery in June 1953. The people noticed an odd construction in one of the brewery buildings and shortly thereafter, reception of RFE and VOA broadcasts was rendered impossible in the surrounding areas. This interference was experienced by the people living on Krale Jiriho Avenue and those living in the vicinity of Pankrac Prison.
4. In general, RFE broadcasts suffered the greatest interference and VOA followed. BBC-London was jammed very little. [] know about Paris broadcasts. The AFN-Nuernberg broadcasts were not jammed at all. Starting at 0630 hours, all the wave lengths used by RFE were jammed very intensely in the whole Prague area. Very often, listening was rendered impossible. However, listening after 2300 hours was better as the jamming was in the background. Jamming was even greater on Saturday and Sunday. Always one of the wave lengths of RFE was not so heavily jammed as were the other wave lengths; I think this was because it enabled the Czechoslovak police to listen too. However, this lighter jamming switched from one frequency to another at short 15 minute intervals.

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Annexes:

- A. } Overlay on a German City Plan of Prague (no further identification available)
B. }

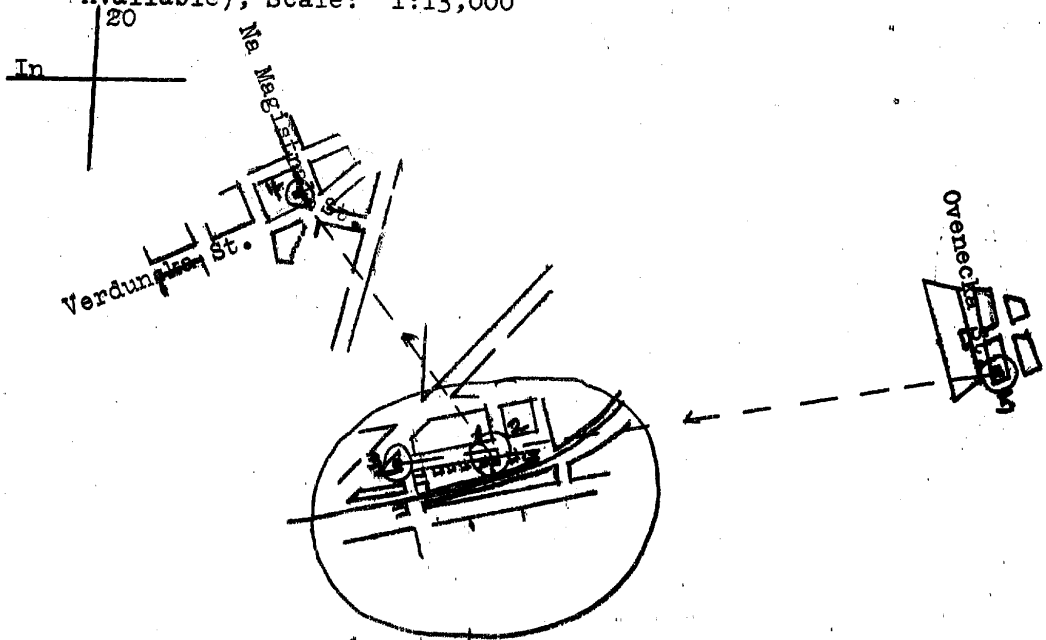
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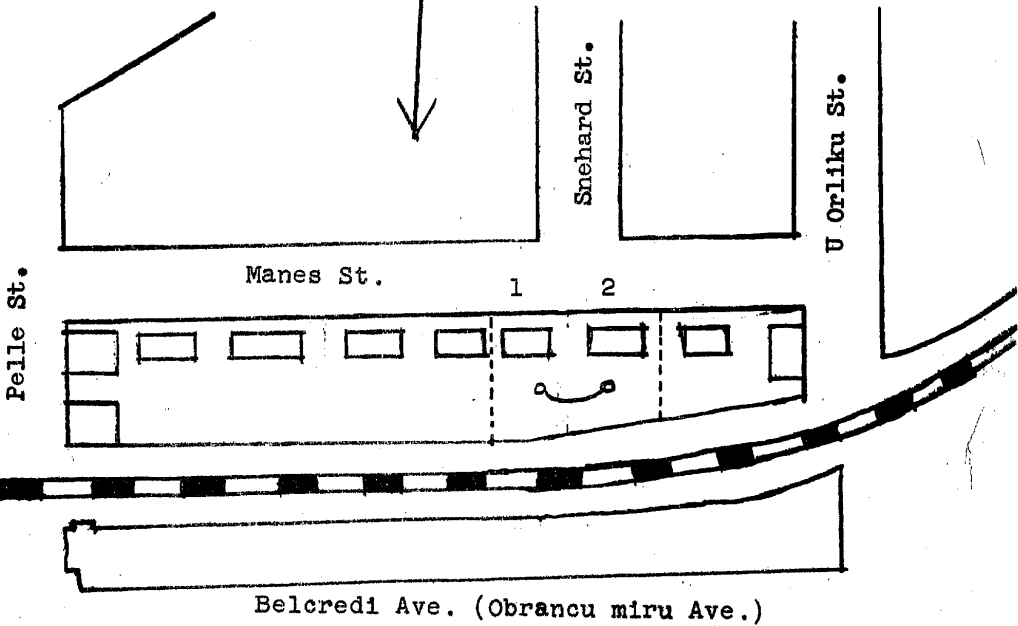


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Annex A: Overlay on a German City Plan of Prague (no identification Available), Scale: 1:13,000



Enlargement of Above Area

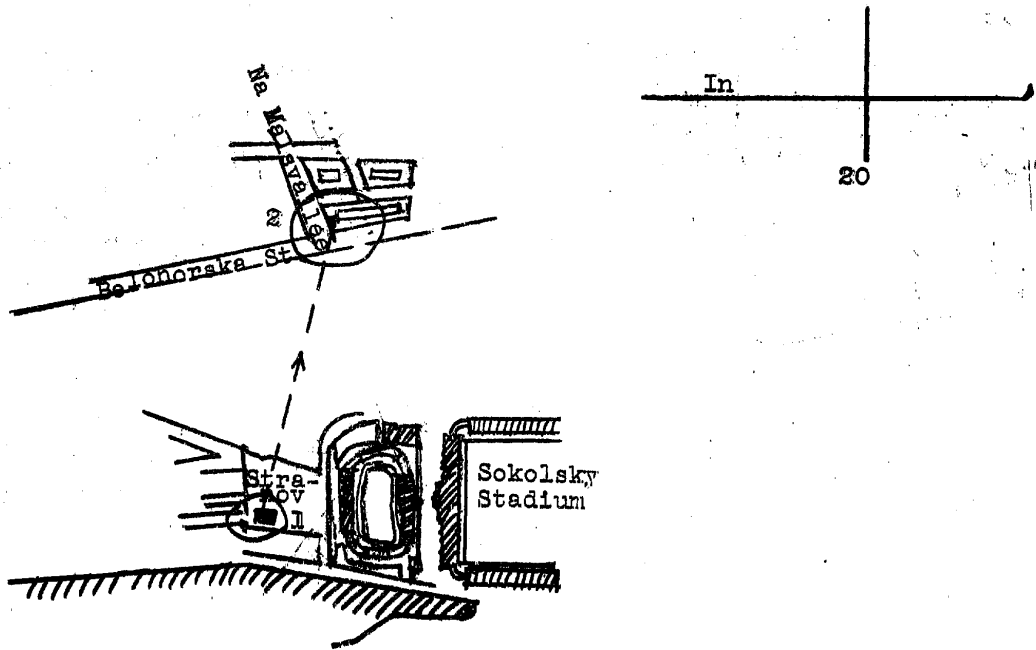


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Annex B: Overlay on a German City Plan of Prague (no identification available), Scale 1:13,000



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